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Naples, June 2.

By several Feluccas arrived here we have advice, that the French Fleet of Men of War and Gallies is at Sea, and that 4 days since they took their course towards Palermo. We apprehend they will make some attempt upon our Fleet that lies at Anchor there. The three Spanish Men of War that have been so long in this Port are now ready to sail.

Marseilles, June 16. Three French Men of War are arrived at Thoulon from Messina, who bring an account of the great Victory obtained by our Fleet at Palermo: the Particulars are, That our Fleet, commanded by the Duke de Vivonne, came upon the Dutch and Spanish as they lay at Anchor there, with so much surprise to them, that before they could put themselves in to any posture of defence, our Fireships laid several of their chiefest Ships on board, and burnt the Admiral, and Vice-Admiral of Spain, and Rear-Admiral of Holland, and seven others; and six Gallies. Several Fireships are fitting out here for the service of our Fleet, and we are preparing a new supply of Provisions for our Fleet.

Copenhagen, June 16. This morning about six a clock the Sieur Griffenfeldt was brought to the place appointed for his execution; where he behaved himself with great courage and resolution, and with protestations of his innocency; and having kneeled down, and ready to suffer, he received the Kings pardon as to life. Several Regiments are already marched to the Leaguer near Elsenore, and the rest will follow, so that the whole Army will be there in few dayes. We have not any News from Sea since my last, by reason of the contrary winds, though we all believe there has been an Engagement between the two Fleets; for the last Letters from Admiral Tromp, left them so near each other, that the foremost ships begun already to engage.

Strasbourg, June 15. You have already known how the eleventh instant, the Imperial Army passed the Rhine over our Bridge, their Artillery (to which was added out of the Magazine of this City three great Cannon for Battery, with a considerable quantity of Ammunition) and Infantry passing down the Rhine by water, while the Cavalry marched by land. The French, who were so advantageously posted with their right Wing under the Counterscarp of Saverne, and their left reaching to St Jean, having the River Serr before them, are since marched into the Plains, and the 13 and 14 encamped between Hochfeldt and Wiltzen; since which time, the French Officers as well as the Commissaries have come hither in great numbers, to buy provisions, and other necessaries; and according to their report, the Duke of Luxemburg intended to decamp as this day, and to march to Haguenaw. The 13 instant arrived in the French Camp a great Convoy, with provisions from Lorraine.

Spire, June 16. The Imperial Army having passed the Rhine at Strasbourg, encamped the 14 instant at Schebenfort, and yesterday repassed the Rhine at Lauterburg, upon the advice the Duke of Lorraine received, that the Enemy came down this way. It is said that his Highness will again advance towards Haguenaw, and

offer the Duke of Luxemburg Battle, or as others believe, that he will Post himself at Weissenburg. Four great pieces of Cannon, and two Mortar pieces, have been sent from Frankfort, to the Camp before Philippsburg, from whence they write, that they will now very suddenly begin the Siege in form, and that the Governor of the place, hath put some of the principal Burg-hers out of the Town.

Cologne, June 19. The French continue to make frequent incursions into this Diocess, and the Duchy of Juliers. Some days since a party appeared between this place and Bonn. On Tuesday last the Sieur de Louvigny arrived here from Flanders. The Troop of Osna-brug are now on their march towards us; the 14 and 15 instant they encamped at Benninghausen, the 16 at Werle, in this Diocess, and in four or five days we expect them in this Neighborhood.

Hamburg, June 19. The Swedish ships that came to succor Stale, are still in the Elbe, expecting, as is said, some other Men of War to come and join them. Hitherto Stale continues free from a Siege, as does Stralsund in Pomeren. We have not any certain advice concerning Wolgast. From Berlin they write, That the Treaty of Marriage between the Electoral Prince of Brandenburg, and the Princess of Hesse, sister to the present Queen of Denmark, was wholly concluded, and signed by his Electoral Highness. The Letter adds, That the Elector was parted from thence to Potsdam, from whence he would go into the Field, his Troops being already on their march under the command of the Duke of Holstein.

Brussels, June 19. Yesterday morning early the Most Christian King decamped from Nimve, in the Countrey of Alost, and marched towards Aeth, having before sent a small detachment to join the Marechal d'Humieres, who is at present in the Neighborhood of Cambray, and has sent to the Countrey people to bring in a great number of Carts and Wagons. This morning our Army likewise decamped, and came and lodged at Lambec Notre Dame, two Leagues from this City. From Cologne of the 16 instant they write, that the 13, the Osna-brug Troops, consisting in four Regiments of Horse, two Squadrons of Dragoons, and three Regiments of Foot, marched through Lipstadt, towards the Rhine. We are assured, that 18 Squadrons of Horse are some days since marched from Charleroy, towards Germany. From Liege they write, That it is the general opinion there, that the French are going to quit Luxemburg.

Dinn, June 23. On Thursday last, as we have already told you, the Most Christian King decamped from Nimve; the next day his Majesty had his quarters at Cambray; on Saturday marched to Perwez, between St Guislain and Conde; part of the Army passing the River that day at Pont a Haine, as the rest did on Sunday at old Conde, near which place his Majesty encamped; the Troops that had passed at Pont a Haine advancing to Rixwain, which they are fortifying; whether it is believed the King will in a day or two march with the whole Army; this gives us a great apprehension that his design may be upon Valenciennes, and the rather, for that we hear the Marechal d'Humieres is fortifying Haspe, between Valenciennes and Cambray. Our Army continues at Lambec Notre Dame, and will decamp on Thursday, and take its march towards Mons, to observe the Enemy. We expect with much impatience the coming up of the Osna-brug Troops, when we are assured some Siege will be taken in hand by the Prince of Orange; who to that end, has sent for a great many Cannon for Battery from Holland. We have Letters from Valenciennes, which give us an account, That the Governor having on Friday last been informed, that three Squadrons of French Horse were abroad, and that they designed to pass near Valenciennes, sent our Colonel